

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of: )  
Masashi Kon, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3865  
Application No. 09/944,501 ) Examiner: Cristina O. Sherr  
Filed: August 30, 2001 )  
For: PERSON AUTHENTICATION APPLICATION DATA )  
PROCESSING SYSTEM, PERSON AUTHENTICATION )  
APPLICATION DATA PROCESSING METHOD, )  
INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND )  
PROGRAM PROVIDING MEDIUM )

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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office communication dated December 10, 2008. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

**ELECTION OF SPECIES**

In response to the election requirement, applicant hereby elects Species I, Fig. 6, and designates claims 1-11 for further examination.

Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims and/or to request rejoinder of non-elected claims, and/or to request rejoinder of any non-elected claims as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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